

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Chief Master Sergeant Russell K. Larsen's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Chief Larsen has devoted more than 36 years of his life to the service of this state and country as an Aircraft Mechanic, Crew Chief, Component Maintenance Flight Chief, a leader in the South Dakota Air National Guard, and a strong volunteer throughout the South Dakota Air National Guard, including deployments to Panama, England, Belgium, Singapore, Curacao, British Columbia, Germany, and in support of Operation Northern Watch in Turkey, Operation Southern Watch in Saudi Arabia, and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

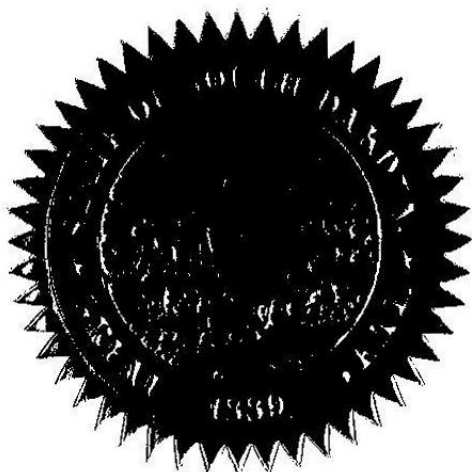
Whereas, Chief Larsen continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Chief Master Sergeant Russell K. Larsen for more than 36 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

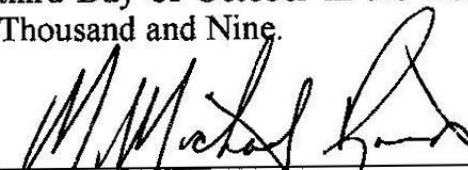
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 6, 2009, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State